

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 971 - HB 1029

April 14, 2021

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Increases, from one year to two years, the amount of time a governmental entity must store electronic communications which occurred between members of a governing body within a forum.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007160):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes governing bodies to meet and conduct all necessary business by any electronic means, under certain circumstances until February 1, 2022, or 30 days after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lifts the recommendations related to large gatherings.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed language applies to county and municipal legislative bodies, and any board, commission, or committee created thereof with authority to make a decision for or recommendations to a public body on policy or administration.
- Executive Order 16, which was issued on March 20, 2020 and extended by Executive Orders 34, 51, 60, 65, 71, and 78, authorized governing bodies to conduct essential business by electronic means. Executive Order 78 is in effect until April 28, 2021.
- Governing bodies would be required to make a determination for necessity, with a majority of members voting in the affirmative by roll call, either at a prior meeting or upon commencement of the meeting and prior to conducting other business.
- Authorizing the conduction of such meetings through electronic means will not result in any significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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